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**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY  
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Documents U.S. 4,592,090; GB 2 122 743 and EP 0 744 716 are identified on the International Search Report dated February 14, 2005 appended hereto and which was established in International Application No. PCT/EP2004/011136, of which this application is the U.S. national stage. The relevancy of each of these documents is evident from the search report.

Documents DE 23 66 274; WO 01/48311 and DE 102 56 114 are discussed in the specification of this application on pages 1 and 3, from which discussion the relevancy of the documents can be gleaned.

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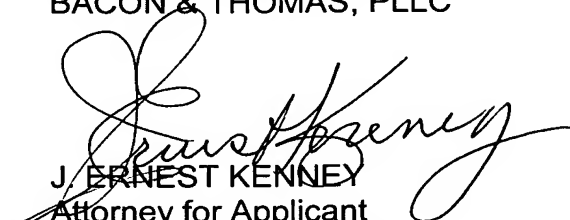
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